

"Amend by striking out in Section 12, line 15, the words 'fifty thousand' wherever they occur and insert 'forty thousand.'"

ADJOURNMENT.

Pending action on the foregoing amendment to Senate bill No. 29, the Senate, at 5:10 o'clock p. m., on motion of Senator Davidson of DeWitt, adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Friday, Feb. 22, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—23.

Beaty.	Neal.
Davidson of	Paulus.
DeWitt.	Potter.
Davidson of	Savage.
Galveston.	Sebastian.
Grinnan.	Staples.
Hanger.	Swann.
Harris of Bexar.	Turney.
Harris of Hunt.	Wayland.
Johnson.	Wheeler.
Lipscomb.	Wilson.
Lloyd.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent—6.

Dibrell.	Patterson.
Goss.	Stafford.
McGee.	Turner.

Absent—Excused.

James. Odell.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Davidson of Galveston, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Staples, Senator Swann was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate yesterday, on account of important business.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Miller presented a petition from citizens of Dallas, asking a \$25,000 appropriation for the Texas Volunteer Guard.

Read, and referred to Committee on Finance.

The Chair laid before the Senate a memorial from citizens of Motley county, asking that Chapter 2, of the First Called Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature be amended so as to authorize the patenting of homestead claims which were applied for, and which were surveyed prior to May 23, 1898.

Read, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

Senator Sebastian presented a petition from citizens of Cisco, Texas, praying that the girls' industrial school be not attached to the Agricultural and Mechanical College, but be left to the Board of Regents of the institution.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt presented the following memorial:

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

TEXAS LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 18, 1901.

To the Honorable Members of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Texas:

We take pleasure in presenting for your perusal and consideration the following resolutions passed at the tenth annual meeting of the Texas Live Stock Association held in the city of Fort Worth, Texas, February 12 and 13, last.

The Texas Live Stock Association has a membership of something over four hundred, this membership comprising the best and best known citizens of the State, all of whom are interested in the various branches of the live stock industry of this State. The object and purpose of this association is to up-build the live stock industry of Texas in all its branches, and farmers and stockmen prominent in growing sheep, hogs, horses and cattle are on our membership roll.

Each of the subjoined resolutions received the unanimous endorsement of the convention, and we trust that every member of the House and Senate will do everything possible to aid in having the legislation referred to in these resolutions placed upon the statute books of the State. In asking this we do not think our demands are at all unreasonable, as the live stock industry of Texas is paramount to any other.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SCHREINER.

President Texas Live Stock Ass'n.

VORIES P. BROWN,

Sec. and Treas. Texas Live Stock Association.

LIVE STOCK AND FEEDING EXPERIMENTS AT A. AND M. COLLEGE.

Whereas, The State of Texas is now supposed to maintain an experiment sta-

tion at the Agricultural and Mechanical College; and,

Whereas, We believe that said experiment station can be made of great benefit to the farming and live stock interests of the State, if properly conducted and equipped; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Texas Live Stock Association, in convention assembled, that we hereby request and especially urge upon the Legislature, now in session, a donation of not less than \$10,000 per annum, to better equip the station with desirable farm animals and other useful appliances in its work, and for the purpose of conducting live stock feeding experiments.

LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSION.

Whereas, A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to amend the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to a State Live Stock Sanitary Commission, and the appointing of a veterinarian and the request for an appropriation of \$10,000 per year for the purpose of sustaining said commission; and,

Whereas, The present able and experienced Live Stock Sanitary Board of this State, having full knowledge of the defects of the present bill, has given its unanimous endorsement to the bill introduced by Representative Davidson of DeWitt county, relating to this subject; and,

Whereas, The Texas Live Stock Association recognizing the great and growing necessity of the need of the services of a skilled veterinarian, who shall be under the direction and control of the said Live Stock Sanitary Commission, and recognizing further the need of additional funds for the purpose of successfully carrying out the objects and purposes of the law creating said commission;

Resolved, That the Texas Live Stock Association, in convention assembled, gives its unqualified endorsement to the bill relating to a Live Stock Sanitary Commission, as introduced by Senator Davidson, and we respectfully ask that in the interest of the farmers and stock-raisers of Texas this measure be speedily placed on the statute books of the State.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt also presented the following memorial:

To the Hons. A. B. Davidson and Jno. M. Green, Senator and Representative from DeWitt county, Texas:

We, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Cuero, DeWitt county, State of Texas, respectfully petition you, as a Representative of the State of Texas, to repeal all that portion of the occupation

tax laws as applies to and levies an occupation tax on merchants, believing said tax to be contrary to the spirit of our institutions, unjust, oppressive, uncalled for, and a burden upon a law-abiding, tax-paying class of our citizens, who are pursuing a legitimate occupation, paying an equal share of the ad valorem taxes of the State, and should not be double taxed, thereby creating class legislation of the worst type. We, therefore, respectfully ask the repeal of said law applying to all merchants of this State who pay an ad valorem tax. Also, to retain that clause of the present peddlers' tax pertaining to agricultural implements, buggies, steel ranges, sewing machines, etc.

Signed—Hutchings & Bates, Otto Buchel & Co., Breeden Bros., Koehler & Co., A. M. Goldsmith, J. J. Byrne, Fritz Bolme, P. Mane, N. Heisenburg & Barnard, F. Gohmert, Keller & Co., S. J. Lord, J. R. Nagel & Son, Lewis & Holzheuser, F. Maree, J. A. Graves, W. Kreuger & Co., J. M. Reuss, John Welch, Hodges Dry Goods Co., Ott & Kaufmann, Heason Bros., R. H. Barnes, H. Dinter, Ilgner & Trautwein, Fry & Brattwig, J. J. Olsen, E. A. Buchel, Henry H. Hotz, Sam Marie, Banton & Kunitz, F. A. Taylor, H. D. Beaumont, L. W. Hilliard, A. W. Phillips, Ed. D. Mier, M. Byrne & Co., Jno. M. White, Mrs. M. J. Hammond, Prenskey Bros., Cuero Daily Record, Jno. Nau, H. A. Mugge, A. W. Nannheim, Otto Buchel, Jos. Sheridan, Wm. Wagner, Jos. F. Kobitz, Alex Hamilton, W. R. Rathbone.

Senator Sebastian presented the following memorial letters:

Cisco, Texas, Feb. 18, 1901.

Hon. W. P. Sebastian.

DEAR SIR: I beg of you to use all your influence to pass the bill creating a girls' industrial school without locating it, especially not making it an annex to the Agricultural and Mechanical College, but leave this matter to the Board of Regents of said industrial school. By doing all in your power to prevent its being made an annex to the Agricultural and Mechanical College, as the location is not healthy and many other reasons, you will greatly oblige

Yours respectfully,
(MRS.) L. B. RIVERS,
Per W. C. T. U.

Midland, Texas, Feb. 19, 1901.

Hon. W. P. Sebastian, Austin, Texas.

DEAR SIR: I have been requested by some of the prominent citizens of this county to write you about the girls' industrial school, now pending before the

Legislature. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that the bill ought to pass without locating the same, especially as an annex to the Agricultural and Mechanical College, but that the location should be left to the Board of Regents of the institution. If you will give this matter your careful consideration on the lines proposed, you will merit the approbation of a large number of your constituents.

Very truly yours,
E. R. BRYAN.

Senator Wheeler presented a memorial from the W. C. T. U. of Ladonia, Texas, asking the Senate to pass House bill No. 149, which regulates the sale of alcoholic stimulants on prescriptions in local option precincts.

Read, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Lipscomb presented a petition of attorneys of Waller county, asking a change in the location of the Court of Civil Appeals of the First Supreme Judicial District of Texas, from Galveston to Houston.

Read, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Miller:

Senate bill No. 211, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the duties and obligations of gas companies and electric light and power companies, and fixing their rights in supplying their manufactures to the public, and fixing penalties for violating the provisions hereof, and making it a misdemeanor for either company or any one else to violate the provisions hereof."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Neal:

Senate bill No. 212, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide a more efficient road system for the county of Montgomery."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

The Chair here declared the morning call concluded.

HOUSE BILL NO. 4—FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT WITHDRAWN.

By unanimous consent, Senator Lloyd was permitted to withdraw the Free Conference Committee report on House bill No. 4, made to the Senate yesterday.

SENATE BILL NO. 29—INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL—PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair then laid before the Sen-

ate, Senate bill No. 29 (industrial school), pending business, action being on the following amendment offered by Senator Savage:

"Amend by striking out in Section 12, line 15, the words 'fifty thousand' wherever they occur and insert 'forty thousand.'"

SENATE BILL NO. 13—MOTION TO TAKE UP.

Pending action on the foregoing amendment, Senator Harris of Bexar moved to suspend pending business and take up, out of its order,

Senate bill No. 13, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define the character and quality of possession of real property which is sufficient to operate as constructive notice of the possessor's right or title thereto."

Pending action on the motion, Senator Harris of Bexar withdrew the same, and

SENATE BILL NO. 29—PENDING BUSINESS.

The Senate proceeded with the consideration of Senate bill No. 29, pending business.

(Senator Potter in the chair.)

Senator Patterson secured the floor to speak to the amendments of Senator Savage to the bill, and yielded to Senator Davidson of DeWitt, who moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, February 26.

Motion to adjourn was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—6.

Davidson of	Patterson.
DeWitt.	Turney.
Miller.	Wayland.
Neal.	

Nays—17.

Davidson of	Paulus.
Galveston.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Savage.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
Harris of Bexar.	Staples.
Harris of Hunt.	Swann.
Johnson.	Wheeler.
Lipscomb.	Wilson.
Lloyd.	Yett.

Absent.

Beaty.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Goss.	Turner.

Absent—Excused.

James.	Odell.
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And the Chair (Senator Potter) declared Senator Patterson still in possession of the floor.

(Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.)

During the discussion, Senator Patterson again yielded the floor to Senator Davidson of DeWitt, who moved to adjourn until 9:55 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, February 26.

Motion to adjourn was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—7.

Beaty.	Grinnan.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Davidson of	Turney.
DeWitt.	Wayland.

Nays—16.

Davidson of	Potter.
Galveston.	Savage.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
Harris of Bexar.	Staples.
Harris of Hunt.	Swann.
Johnson.	Wheeler.
Lipscomb.	Wilson.
Lloyd.	Yett.
Paulus.	

Absent.

Goss.	Neal.
McGee.	Stafford.
Miller.	Turner.

Absent—Excused.

James.	Odell.
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And the Chair declared Senator Patterson still in possession of the floor.

(President Pro Tem. Miller in the chair.)

During the discussion, Senator Patterson again yielded to Senator Davidson of DeWitt, who moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 9:50 o'clock a. m. Tuesday morning, and

Accordingly, the Senate, at 12 o'clock, noon, adjourned, leaving Senate bill No. 29, and the amendment thereto by Senator Savage, pending business.

THIRTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1901.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem. Miller in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Present—24.

Beaty.	Harris of Bexar.
Davidson of	James.
DeWitt.	Johnson.
Davidson of	Lipscomb.
Galveston.	Lloyd.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Neal.

Odell.	Swann.
Paulus.	Turner.
Potter.	Wayland.
Savage.	Wheeler.
Stafford.	Wilson.
Staples.	Yett.

Absent—7.

Grinnan.	Patterson.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
Harris of Hunt.	Turney.
McGee.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of last Friday,

On motion of Senator Johnson, the same was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Davidson of Galveston presented a memorial from the citizens of Galveston county, and

Senator Johnson presented a memorial from the citizens of Navarro county,

Both asking an appropriation of \$25,000 for the Texas Volunteer Guard.

Read, and referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Johnson presented a petition from the bar of Corsicana, protesting against the removal of the Court of Civil Appeals from Galveston to Houston.

Read, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senator James presented a protest against the consolidation of the Courts of Criminal Appeals at Austin.

Read, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senator Odell presented a petition from residents of Tom Green county, asking the passage of a law moving the lease line further west.

Read, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt presented the following communication, and asked the same to be printed in the Journal:

SAM HOUSTON NORMAL INSTITUTE.

Huntsville, Tex., February 25, 1901.

My Dear Senator:

About 11:30 this morning I was called to the telephone and asked for some certain information. The wires were singing so that conversation was very difficult, and I was cut off before the conversation was finished. I could not understand the name of the gentleman with whom I was conversing, but the girl at Austin said that she thought it was Senator Davidson, consequently I address this letter to you. I understand